

To: Betty Hiner@DFSR@FDAORAHQ
Cc:
Bcc:
From: "Karen Sutton" <ksutton@earthlink.net>
Subject: I oppose draft FDA M.O.U., docket no. 98N-1265
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 1999 at 2:26:41 pm EDT
Attach:
Certify: N

Docket
98N-1265

5900 99 APR 14 P1:32

The proposed M.O.U. (FDA - Docket No. 98N-1265) is a bad idea. In particular, the definition of "inappropriate amount" would effectively eliminate vital mail-order compounding pharmacies from filling a vital need. My physician recognizes that "one-size-fits-all" pre-packaged hormone medications poorly match my individual needs. Since she's prescribed a proper compounded mix, the difference in my quality of life has been enormous.

By tailoring the dosage to my individual needs, I can feel well without taking any more than is necessary and accepting the associated unnecessary risks. In addition, the convenience of taking a single compounded medication is significant. Finally, to have the same medicines compounded locally would add significantly to my medical expense without providing *any* benefit.

There are many people, especially in rural areas, who have no effective access to compounded medications without mail-order pharmacies. And at a time of ever increasing drug expense, the advantage of lower mail-order prescription cost is a significant advantage. It would not be in the best interests of the people of this country to limit interstate access to compounded medicines.

I have expressed my opposition to my Senators and Representative.

Karen Sutton
20677 Forge Way, #118
Cupertino, CA 95014

98N-1265

C1083